

# Finance Committee Minutes

## January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mr. David Herrick presiding, with Mr. Bill Hattendorf, Mr. Burt Imberman, Ms. Pat Mielke and Mrs. Prudence Spaulding in attendance. Guests were Mr. Michael Skorput, Mr. Nathaniel Yohalem, and Ms. Tara White.

The minutes were accepted as read, Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Imberman 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

Mr. Herrick remarked that the proposed Town Meeting which had been discussed at the last Finance Committee Meeting had been canceled.

The Committee began to review the following budgets:-

**Fire Protection** [60220.00] (\$60,900) level funded {\$60,900} Mr. Imberman asked if all the allotted money was spent, Mr. Skorput stated that there had been a \$10,000 balance carried forward, and there had been \$3,200 left in the account to be transferred to Free Cash and the close of the fiscal year. Mr. Skorput added that Mr. Scala was usually pretty accurate when he designed his budgets! Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Firefighters' Stipend** [60220.05] (\$43,500) now requesting {\$46,500} again Mr. Imberman asked if the all last year's funds had been utilized. Mr. Skorput explained that the firefighters had to be present in a certain percentage of the activities i.e. training and drills, so that it is possible that all the firefighters wouldn't qualify for the stipend, however enough money had to be placed in the account so that if all the firefighters did qualify there would be enough funds in the account. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Fire Department Clerical** [60220.88] (\$1,700) level funded {\$1,700} Ms. Mielke 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Dues** [60220.44] (\$200) level funded {\$200} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**N.M. Rescue Salary** [{60291.78} (\$6,300) level funded {\$6,300} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**N.M. Rescue Expenses** [60291.77] (\$32,775) now requesting {\$26,550} this budget was well itemized! Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

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**Tax Collector Certification Salary** [10147.05] (\$1,000) level funded {\$1,000} this amount of money is awarded when the tax collector becomes certified, and is part of a state mandate. Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Tax Collector Expenses** [10147.99] this budget was not itemized and was returned to the Tax Collector for itemization!

**Tax Collector Tax Titles** [10148.00] (\$3,000) level funded {\$3,000} again Mr. Imberman asked if the allotted funds had been utilized this past year. Mr. Skorput stated that there had to be adequate funds for pursuing the tax titles of properties whose taxes were not paid. This amount could fluctuate from year to year. Ms. Mielke 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Assessors Revaluation** [10142.00] (\$15,000) now requesting {\$15,000} The town puts aside this amount yearly so that when the evaluation takes place and the bill is about \$45,000 the sum is available and the town does not get "hit" for a bill of \$45,000 in a single year. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Assessors Tax Map** [10141.55] (\$2,900) level funded {\$2,900} Mr. Imberman 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Assessor's Consultant** [10141.44] returned for itemization.

**Assessors General Expenses** [10141.01] (\$2,900) now requesting {\$2,900}. This bill was itemized. Ms. Mielke 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Website Expense** [10116.00] (\$2,075) now requesting {\$2,400} this amount includes a virtual town hall upgrade. Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Imberman 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Town Officers' Expenses** [10192.07] (\$1,000) level funded {\$1,000} this fund covers any officers that do not have a budget, but incur an expense serving the town. Ms. Mielke 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Town Officers' Bonds** [10193.00] (\$1,250) level funded {\$1,250} Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Street Lights** [20424.00] (\$4,500) level funded {\$4,500} Mr. Hattendorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**NM village Cemetery Preservation** [20491.04] (\$5,000) carry forward from FY 2013, no vote needed.

**School Committee Expenses** [3000.02] (\$1,500) level funded {\$1,500} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Assistant Treasurer's Salary** [no number yet!] requesting {\$5,200} the selectmen have requested that this position be established, so that when the present treasurer is unavailable there will be an assistant who understands the position and will be able to provide the necessary service. Mrs. Spaulding asked if this person would receive a salary, but Ms. Mielke stated that the Assistant would only be paid for the time when he/she worked. Mr. Imberman 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Hattendorf 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Assessor's salaries** [10141.00](\$6,000) now requesting {\$6,150} Mr. Herrick made a motion to level fund this budget {\$6,000}, Mrs. Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Mental Health** [70523.00] (\$200) level funded {\$200} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Mielke 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Memorial Day** [50692.00] (\$900) level funded {\$900} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Imberman 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM and the next meeting will be held on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding, Secretary.

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